STATEMENTS

Sl. No.	Name of Minister/particulars	Date of visit
1	Shri K.C. Pant, Minister of Defence (Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	April 13-14, 1987
2	Shri Eduardo Faleiro-Minister of State for External Affairas (Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	April 13-14, 1987 April 17-18, 1987
3	Shri N.D.Tiwari, Minister of External Affiairs(Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	June 14-15, 1987
4	Km. Saroj Khaparde Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	September 21, 1987 & September 28, 1987
5	Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister West Bengal	May 27, June 11,1988
6	Shri Buddhadev Bhattacharya, Minister, West Bengal	May 27, June 11, 1988
7	Shri Nirmal Bose, Minister, West Bengal	June 17, July 2, 1988
8	Km. Saroj Khaparde, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare (Transit to and from Pyong Yang)	July, 1988

Special Financial assistance for Teesta Project

1132. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount spent by the West Bengal Government on Teesta Project since its inception;

(b) whether this project has made rapid progress;

(c) whether Central Government assured the State Government that special financial assistance will be provided to expedite the construction of the project; and

(d) if so, total special financial assistance asked for by the State Government and total assistances actually given by the Government for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) An expenditure of about Rs. 279 crores was anticipated upto March, 1988.

(c) and (d) Speical Central Assistance of Rs. 5 crores during 1983-84 and an advance plan assistance of Rs. 15 crores in 1986-87 and Rs. 10 crores in 1987-88 was provided to Teesta Barrage Project.

Council for Social Audit for Technology missions

1133. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a council for Social Audit for technology missions is being set up;

(b) if so, what are the names of the members of the council and the criteria for their selection; and

(c) what statutory powers would the Council enjoy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would consist of 15 eminent citizens, drawn from outside government, who have had distinguished record of public service. Former Chief Justice of India, Shri P. N. Bhagwati, will be Chairman of the Council; other names are being finalised.

(c) None; it will function in an honorary and advisory capacity.

Thrust of Planning during the Eighth Five Year Plan

1134. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the major thrust of Planning during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the extent to which it will reflect the conditions as prevailing in the country today?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The main objectives and strategies including the major thrust areas for the 8th Five Year Plan would be set out in the Approach Paper which is under preparation at present. The objectives and strategies for the Eighth Five Year Plan will fully reflect the conditions as prevailing in the country to-day.

Supply of Electronic Information Systems for ships by Foreign firm

1135. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two sets of computer based electronic information system for ships was ordered from a foreign firm;

(b) whether the Expert Committee had not recommended the firm and their equipment; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for opting for a foreign firm against the recommendations of the Expert Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government decision in the matter was taken in the best interests of the Armed Forces after considering the recommendations of several Expert Committees.

Inspection of Ammunition supplied to Indian Army

1136. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of Inspection (DGI) has been entrusted with the work of examining the ammunition manufactured and suplied by Ordnance Factories for use by the Indian Army;

(b) whether the DGI has been submitting its reports to the Defence Ministry;

(c) whether these reports are scrutinised and action taken thereon;

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the heads of the Ordnance Factories supplying defective ammunition since 1975 to March 1985; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons terefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (e) The Diretcorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA), earlier designated as Directorate General of Inspection (DGI) is *inter-alia* entrusted with the work of final acceptance inspection of the ammunition manufactured and supplied by Ordnance Factories for use by the Indian Army in terms of the specifications laid down for manufacture of the items.

After inspection of ammunition in accordance with the laid down specifiactions of the stores, the DGQA submits its findings to the manufacturing agency viz. Ordnance Factories